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## **Army Corps of Engineers announces permitting guidance for repairs to structures and fills damaged by Hurricane Isabel**

**Baltimore** - Residents and businesses that need to make repairs, rehabilitate or replace structures, such as piers, bulkheads, revetments and riprap that were serviceable prior to Hurricane Isabel, may do so without applying for a new Corps of Engineers permit as long as they rebuild to the specifications in the original permit. Residents and businesses must also complete these repairs, rehabilitation or replacement activities by Sept. 30, 2005. If these activities cannot be completed within this time period, then a written extension must be secured from the Army Corps of Engineers.

This regulatory guidance applies to any currently serviceable structure or fills authorized for purposes of Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899 and/or Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as published in January 2002.

Minor deviations in a structure's configuration or filled area, including those due to changes in materials, construction techniques, or current construction codes or safety standards that are necessary to make repairs, are permitted provided the adverse environmental effects of the repairs are minimal.

In addition, the removal of floatable debris material does not require a federal permit.

For information on any additional activities not described in this news release, the public is asked to contact the Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Regulatory Branch at 410-962-3670.

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